



Advisory Panel Member

Volunteer Role Description

All our activities and services are coproduced with volunteers and people affected by MS. We involve people who deliver and benefit from our services in every level of our decision making – in advisory, consultation, decision and insight groups. It's how we make sure we understand and deliver what our audiences need as effectively as we can.

As our Advisory Panel Member you'll help make sure everyone affected by MS is represented in our work. You'll use your own experiences to contribute to meetings (in person, on the phone or through video conferencing), get involved with research or share your views in focus groups.

In this role you'll develop your research, communication, management and team working skills.

Most importantly you'll inform decision making processes that benefit everyone with MS.

What the role involves

This role may vary depending on needs, but is likely to include:

- Attending meetings (either in person or via telephone or video conferencing)
- Contributing to discussions as part of a group or via email
- Offering your perspective based on your own experiences of living with or being close to someone with MS (project specific)
- Providing feedback and reviewing information
- Designing questionnaires or reviewing research applications

We can support you to develop the skills you need for this role, including an induction into all the areas outlined. You will have a chance to discuss your role and any additional needs with us.

Together, we are strong enough to stop MS.

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What you need for this role

Essential

- Committed to our values and able to share your own story or professional expertise whilst also representing the views of others
- Have a connection to MS, or be personally affected by MS
- Confident addressing internal decision makers, individually and/or in meeting settings
- Confident using Microsoft Office, the internet and email
- Able to apply disability, equality and inclusion practices
- Able to keep people's personal data safe

Desirable

- Able to communicate and articulate experience and views in both written and verbal forms and in a meeting setting
- Enjoy working as part of a team and sharing best practice
- Effective people skills

In order to volunteer in this role you will need to:

- Read through your welcome and induction checklist

Additional information about our Volunteering programme:

When you volunteer with us, you join our powerful community of people living with MS, scientists, campaigners, listeners, organisers, ambassadors and fundraisers.

Our Volunteering Programme holds the prestigious Investing in Volunteers (IiV) accreditation. This award recognises our dedication to ensuring all volunteers have an excellent experience – from when we recruit you, through supporting you to develop skills and experience, to recognising your achievements.

Our shared commitments help keep our Volunteering Programme enjoyable, meaningful and safe for everyone.

Download [Our Commitments](#) here.